

Maritime

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The Maritime Division works with many entities to provide efficient, safe and reliable maritime transportation solutions for Texas. The division's main focus is to promote development and intermodal connectivity of ports, waterways and marine infrastructure and operations.

The division addresses port and maritime needs by working with Texas ports, maritime associations and private industry, as well as federal, state, and local governments and agencies.

The division serves as a resource to increase use of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and promote waterborne transportation and related intermodal projects essential to maintain Texas' economic competitiveness.

[Dan Harmon](#) serves as director. [Contact us](#) with questions or comments.

Resources

- Final report from the [Panama Canal Stakeholder Working Group](#), November 2012
- [Gulf Intracoastal Waterway](#), report to the state Legislature
- [Port Capital Program](#), report to the state Legislature

Did you know?

Texas ports on the Gulf Coast:

- Generate \$270 billion in economic activity and \$6 billion in state and local tax revenue per year.
- Handle more than 550 million tons of foreign and domestic cargo annually — 20 percent of all U.S. port tonnage.

Gulf Intracoastal Waterway

- 1,050-mile protected waterway connects Gulf ports from Brownsville to St. Marks, Fla.
- The 406-mile portion in Texas handles 63 percent of the traffic.
- Cargo carried on the waterway reduces congestion on the state's highway and rail systems.



